

March 2, 2022

To the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

As a concerned citizen of Connecticut, I am writing in regards to the proposed SB No. 184 Bill. Please do not continue to use COVID 19 as an excuse for voting absentee. Since 2020, this illegal change to our law has resulted in:

- A five-time increase in the number of absentee ballot applications and ballots that our election officials must process—shutting down all other duties and virtually eliminating their ability to vet the accuracy of the incoming applications
- A compromise in the chain of custody
- An inability to properly vet ballots
- A severely limited voting cycle that denies candidates the opportunity to contribute to a full-informed electorate
- A decrease of engaged citizens in the democratic process

I oppose Bill SB No.184. It is an unconstitutional modification adding a 7th eligibility for voting absentee in Connecticut.

Thank you~

MM Sargent